Lincoln Families,
We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable Halloween-ish weekend. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Wishing you and your families all the best,

Dave

Please read below for all of the latest news, updates, and information from Lincoln Middle School & D64.

Lincoln at a Glance

- W 11/02: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 11/03: Lincoln Concert Band, Cadet Band Concert 7PM

- Su 11/06: Daylight Saving - Turn Clocks Back

Looking ahead

- T 11/08: Election Day - No School
- W 11/09: Early Dismissal 2:10;
- H 11/10: BBB @ Chippewa 3:30 (away); Philharmonic and Concert Orchestras Concert 7PM
- F 11/11: Veterans Day, School in Session

Halloween Guidelines

As has been tradition at Lincoln, our Student Government Association, has allowed students the opportunity to dress up for Halloween. This does require a small, fundraising donation, but has been a lot of fun for our staff and students. To ensure that the guidelines are clear to you and your student, we ask that all costumes not significantly disrupt the learning environment, follow school dress code guidelines, and promote a positive climate. Please review with your student.

General Guidelines:

- Decent and appropriate coverage of the body, including the midriff, is expected. Clothing must cover undergarments and must be opaque (i.e., not see-through).
- Hats or hoods should not be worn in the school building. Students may wear a hat or hood at recess.
- Student clothing and/or accessories may include numerals, logos, slogans, and drawings that are not offensive, obscene, or profane.
- Health and safety standards require that clothing and shoes not have ornamentation that will damage furniture or floors, or create a safety hazard to the child or others.
- Flip-flops are strongly discouraged, as they are unsafe for use on playground equipment and difficult for stairs. Roller shoes should not be worn on school grounds.

In addition, students will not be allowed to wear face masks. Costumes should not have offensive or inappropriate themes, and weapons (even look-alikes) are not permitted.

NOTE: Lincoln Middle School and District 64 are committed to providing an inclusive and safe environment for all of our students. We ask that you and your student please be mindful and to refrain from costumes that can be considered offensive or insensitive. Specifically, students should avoid costumes with cultural/ethnic/racial appropriation and /or costumes depicting individuals whose life/work represent values and qualities counter to those of the District and the school.

Opt-In D64 Text Alerts

District 64 continues to utilize many different platforms to ensure you have important information delivered to you in the most convenient way. One of those ways is through our SMS Text Messaging Service.

Getting messages delivered to your mobile device is a helpful tool, and District 64 is reenergizing our efforts to bring this to you. Starting on Monday, October 31st, you might periodically receive text messages from either the District or your child's school.

These alerts will be info about events, school closings, safety, and more. That said, our SMS Text Messaging Service will be used supplementally in our communication efforts and does not replace any school emails or calls you are receiving.

How to receive text messages:

- You must opt-in to receive text messages. To do so, you will need to text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.
- If you'd like to no longer receive District 64 text messages, you have to send "Stop" to 67587.

If you have any questions regarding the use of text messages to communicate District/School messages, please email me at clilly@d64.org.

Daylight Saving on Sunday - 11/6

Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Sunday, November 6th for Daylight Saving. We hope that the extra hour of sleep is enjoyed by all.

No School - Election Day 11/8

All District 64 schools and offices will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th, as polling will occur at some of our school buildings. School will resume on Wednesday 11/9.

Dine and Donate - City BBQ 11/10

Eat barbeque and support BOPA – D64 Band & Orchestra Parent Association—giving back never tasted so good! On Thursday November 10th at City Barbeque Park Ridge, we'll get 20% of the proceeds from every order we bring in!

Thursday November 10th, 2022
City Barbeque Park Ridge,
123 N. Northwest Pkwy
Park Ridge, IL 60068

- Ordering in person? Show this message to the cashier at checkout (either a printout or just on your phone).
- Ordering online or in the app? Use code FundA at checkout at https://www.citybbq.com/order for pickup on Thursday November 10th. Once you enter the code, you must click the red + button to apply the fundraiser code to your order (see example below).
- Ordering over the phone? Ask to apply code FundA when you provide your payment information.

Remember: all orders must be picked up on Thursday November 10th from City Barbeque Park Ridge for it to count toward our fundraiser.

Thanks for your support!

City BBQ Flyer

Maine South High School - Info for Current 8th Grade Students
Maine South High School has recently provided us with information for our current 8th grade/incoming 9th grade students and parents. Please see this letter from their administration and mark your calendars for upcoming events.

End of the Trimester & Report Cards
The end of the first trimester November 19, 2022. The parent portal will be temporarily closed on this day and will reopen on December 2nd to allow grades to be entered. Report cards will only be available through the parent portal. Please click HERE for directions on accessing your child's online report card.

NOTE: Unless otherwise requested, hard copies of report cards will not be mailed home

Lincoln Spirit Wear & the Lincoln PTO
Show your Lion Pride by ordering Lincoln spirit wear. Some great new designs and clothing options have been updated for this year Free shipping is available from September 16-October 3, 2022.

We are very fortunate to have a supportive and collaborative partnership with our Lincoln PTO. Throughout the year, we will be working together to provide opportunities for our families and students. If you are not a member already, please consider joining this awesome organization. You can find information on starting or renewing your membership by visiting the Lincoln PTO website.

Student Lost & Found
We are beginning to find increasing numbers of lost and misplaced student items around Lincoln. If your child is missing any materials, supplies, or personal items, please have him/her check the office and/or the lost and found locker in the main hallway. There are also some items that hang on the hooks in the PE corridor. Your student can also check with his/her teachers for items that may have been misplaced during the day.

All items unclaimed by 11/01 will be collected and donated.

After-School Clubs/Teen Leisure Clubs (TLCs)
Please see the list of after-school activities available at Lincoln by clicking HERE. We hope you speak with your student about these opportunities and encourage them to get involved.

Absences
Please call the office attendance number (847-318-4215) if/when students miss class for any reason. Also, please be sure to contact the school nurse, Rachel Ossmo (847- 318-4219) with any illness/medical information related to the absence. If a student is leaving for an appointment, it is recommended to send a note with your child to provide to his/her classroom teacher. Students should come down to the office at their designated time; the front office will not be calling into classrooms for your student.

Please remember that you can check your child's attendance through the PowerSchool Parent Portal..

NOTE: As a reminder and per the D64 Student-Parent Handbook, absences due to vacations, attendance at a cultural or sporting event, or participation in a team sport, acting or fine arts performance are considered unexcused.

Portal Access
All Lincoln students and parents are provided access to schedules via the PowerSchool parent and student portals. The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows you access to your student's academic information, including student schedules and grades. To gain access to the Parent Portal, please go to ps.d64.org. If you have any questions on how to login, please contact the Lincoln Main Office for assistance (847) 318-4215.

Schoology Parent Access
Schoology will be utilized by students to help navigate their remote learning day and will include links to students' virtual class meetings. Parents can also access students' classes and monitor student assignments. To assist, we have created THIS VIDEO to assist in navigating this new learning platform.

Not connected to Schoology yet? Follow the directions here!

Lincoln Website and Calendar
The Lincoln website and Lincoln school calendar are valuable resources to keep informed of important updates and events throughout the year. The calendar is kept up to date throughout the school year, and

new information is posted regularly. We hope that these tools are helpful resources for keeping you and your student organized and informed as we progress through the year.

School Hours
School hours for student classes are from 8:05 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please note that each Wednesday, students are dismissed at 2:10 p.m. for staff professional development activities.

Doors to the school open for students each morning at 7:58 a.m. Homeroom begins at 8:05 a.m.

Office Hours
School office hours are from 7:20 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Remember that our student absence line (847) 318-4215 is available 24 hours a day. Please let the Lincoln Office know as soon as possible if your child will not be in attendance. Please do not rely on e-mail notification for reporting absences as it may not be seen until later in the day.

Lincoln Covid Dashboard
The COVID-19 dashboard for Lincoln Middle School can be found HERE and will be updated daily.

Student-Parent Handbook
Lincoln Middle School, along with all District 64 schools, operates in accordance to policies and practices that have been reviewed and implemented by the District 64 Board of Education. Please review the D64 Student-Parent Handbook prior to the start of the school year to familiarize yourself with the information contained in it. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure a positive school year, and having an understanding of this information will help to promote a successful school year. This handbook is intended as a convenience for District 64 families and staff by summarizing selected information about procedures, services and programs. It also provides a quick reference for contact information and District timelines.